

a connection interface for connection to an external mail server;

electronic mail means having an electronic mail function of [exchanging] sending and receiving electronic [mails] mail via said connection interface;

display means for displaying a television picture;

summary extraction means for extracting [the] summary of an electronic mail received by said electronic mail means;

superimposing means for superimposing the summary of the electronic mail received by said electronic mail means on a television picture for displaying the electronic mail summary on said display means along with the television picture; and

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control means for controlling [the] operation of at least said electronic mail means and said superimposing means.

--2. (Amended) The television receiver according to claim 1, wherein

said control means [performs control of] controls accepting an electronic mail check command to receive the electronic mail by said electronic mail means and to display the summary along with the television picture on said display means.

--3. (Amended) The television receiver according to claim 1, wherein